

REMARKS

Claims 5-9, and 40-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cooper et al. (US 5,604,159).

The Examiner states dependent claims 54-59 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (paper no. 0405).

Independent claim 5 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 54, and therefore, amended claim 5 corresponds to the allowable form of a rewritten dependent claim 54 as suggested by the Examiner. Moreover, since amended claim 5 includes the allowable limitations of dependent claim 54, no further consideration or search is needed for amended independent claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 as amended is allowable and is appropriate after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claim 54 is canceled, and claims 6-9 and 55-56 depend from allowable independent claim 5, and therefore, claims 6-9 and 55-56 are allowable.


Independent claim 40 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 58, and therefore, amended claim 40 corresponds to the allowable form of a rewritten dependent claim 58 as suggested by the Examiner. Moreover, since amended claim 40 includes the allowable limitations of dependent claim 58, no further consideration or search is needed for amended independent claim 40. Accordingly, claim 40 as amended is allowable and is appropriate after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claim 58 is canceled, and claims 41-53, 57 and 59 depend from allowable independent claim 40, and therefore, claims 41-53, 57 and 59 are allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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